



**Want to learn more? Find the detail you need to make decisions on your remodel with the following resources.**

#### Print

- *The Green Building Handbook vol. 2: A Companion Guide to Building Products and their Impact on the Environment* edited by Tom Wooley (E & FN Spon, 2000). Includes a chapter on roofing materials.
- *Roofing: The Best of Fine Homebuilding* (Taunton Press). Articles on roofing, from slate to sod.
- *Building with Vision: Optimizing and Finding Alternatives to Wood* by Dan Imhoff, et al. (Watershed Media, 2001). Don't be fooled by the title: this book gives a good overview of the environmental and health impacts of building materials, and lists environmentally friendly alternatives.
- *No-Regrets Remodeling* from *Home Energy* Magazine. Excellent general reference for home remodels, focusing on energy savings at [www.homeenergy.org](http://www.homeenergy.org) (click on *Home Energy Products*)
- *The New Natural House Book* by David Pearson (Fireside Publishers, 1998)

#### Online

##### General

The internet is a great place to research green remodeling topics. Try search terms such as: *residential green building*, *green building materials*, *healthy building*, *energy conservation*, *water conservation* and *sustainable building* coupled with terms related to the roofing element you're researching.

- *Roofing Materials: A look at the options for pitched roofs* article by Environmental Building News available at [www.buildinggreen.com/auth/article.cfm?fileName=040401a.xml](http://www.buildinggreen.com/auth/article.cfm?fileName=040401a.xml)

##### Roof Inspection and Repair

- An ounce of prevention is worth hundreds of pounds of roofing waste. Hometime offers general information on roof inspection at [www.hometime.com/Howto/projects/roofing.htm](http://www.hometime.com/Howto/projects/roofing.htm)

##### Certified Wood

- Purchasing wood products that are certified to be responsibly harvested is key to maintaining the health of our forests. The Forest Stewardship Council is an independent organization that uses third-party certification to verify claims. Learn more about FSC and certified wood at [www.cwpa.info](http://www.cwpa.info).

##### Construction Recycling

- Have your contractor contact the Resource Venture at Seattle's Chamber of Commerce for free information, advice, and referrals related to roofing material recycling. The Resource Venture is on the web at [www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org) and staffs an information hotline at (206) 389-7304.
- Find building salvage companies in the phone book under *Building Materials – Used*. Metal flashing can also be recycled, and reused if in good condition. The key to successful reuse is careful dismantling and removal. If used materials retailers aren't interested in your materials, try listing them on King County's Reusable Building Materials Exchange at [www.2good2toss.com](http://www.2good2toss.com). It's free to list and browse for all sorts of building materials.

##### Green Roofs

- Northwest EcoBuilding Guild's web site at [www.ecobuilding.org/proj/ecorooft](http://www.ecobuilding.org/proj/ecorooft).
- Green Roofs for Healthy Cities [www.greenroofs.ca/grhcc/](http://www.greenroofs.ca/grhcc/) is a clearinghouse of information related to green roofs.

### **Rainwater Harvest**

- The *Texas Guide to Rainwater Harvest* provides an excellent overview of all aspects of rainwater harvest, storage, and use, available at [www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/reports/RainHarv.pdf](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/reports/RainHarv.pdf)
- Seattle Public Utilities' Rain Barrel page [www.seattle.gov/util/rainbarrel/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/rainbarrel/)

### **Solar**

- Western SUN. This regional network of utilities, public utility districts and electric cooperatives provides solar electric and solar hot water systems at cost to the consumer, without sales tax. For more information, see [www.westernsun.org](http://www.westernsun.org).
- For information, including technical assistance, on solar technology, contact the Northwest Solar Center, a program of WSU Energy, at 206-396-8446.
- *Solar electric systems for homes in single family zones* (CAM #420) a customer assistance memo by the Seattle Department of Planning and Development provides information about permitting and installing solar electric systems in Seattle. Available online at [www.seattle.gov/dpd/camlist/camlist.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/camlist/camlist.asp)

Find the guide that accompanies this resource list at [www.seattle.gov/sustainablebuilding](http://www.seattle.gov/sustainablebuilding) (click on *Green Home Remodel*). If you're a Seattle resident, call Seattle Public Utilities' Sustainable Building Program at (206) 615-0731 to receive a print version of the resource list or other brochures in this series.